(b) to (d). The recommendations of the Sharad Pawar Committee are presently under examination of the Planning Commission. The Report would be placed before the National Development Council after this examination for evolving the steps to be taken with relation to these recommendations.

Uranium Deposits

857. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of places of uranium deposits and their quantity of ore, grade and quantity of uranium metal;

(b) whether the Jadugoda mines in Bihar has the largest deposits of high quality uranium in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up more Atomic Energy Research Stations to use the uranium for development purposes; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The details of viable uranium ore deposits in the country are given below :

S.No.	Place	Qty. of ore (In million Tons)	Average grade of U308	Qty. of Uranium (U308) Metal therein (In Tons)
1.	Jaduguda, Bihar	10.7	0.067%	6700
2.	Bhatin, Bihar	2.25	0.051%	1150
3.	Narwapahar, Bihar	25.01	0.044%	11000
4.	Mohuldih, Bihar	2.83	0.063%	1700
5.	Domiasiat, Meghalaya	9.22	0.104%	9500

Apart from this, deposits consisting of around 3950 tons of uranium metal of 0.93% grade have been located recently in Lambapur area in Andhra Pradesh. Uranium Metal is also extracted from copper tailings from copper mines in Bihar.

(b) and (c). Jaduguda deposits are not the largest but they are the oldest and of comparatively higher grade as shown in (a) above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Tail Pond Dam Power House

858. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :
DR. M. JAGANNATH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the projects relating to Tail Pond Dam Power House (down stream of Nagarjuna Sager) in Andhra Pradesh are being recommended for assistance as requested by the Government of Andhra Pradesh

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed for assuring external assistance for early implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) had requested Government of India to pose Nagarguna Sagar Tail Pond Dam Power House hydroelectric scheme (2x25 MW) for external funding during the 9th Plan period. The project can be posed for external assistance only after the project receives clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests and investment approval from Planning Commission.

[Translation]

Russian Assistance for Metro Rail Project

859. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Russia have offered to extend financial assistance for metro-rail project to be developed in the National Capital Region of Delhi

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

I.S.I. Activities in J and K

860. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Pakistan's Intelligence Agency (I.S.I.) has any nefarious design to target newly elected Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard;

(c) the action being taken by the Central Government to provide adequate security to the Chief Minister;

(d) whether Union Government have lodged any protest against such nefarious activities of I.S.I. before the World Organisation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). Reports about the threat to the security of Dr. Farooq Abdullah Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir from various terrorist/ militant outfits have been received. His security arrangements have been reviewed and strengthened by the State Government in consultation with the Government of India. Further appropriate measures have been taken to counter the threat and all concerned have been alerted/advised suitably.

(d) to (f). The Government has consistently urged Pakistan to desist from sponsoring cross border terrorism and violence in Jammu and Kashmir. Their involvement in these activities has also been continuously exposed at the international level through the diplomatic and various other channels. These efforts will be continued in an intensive and sustained manner.

[English]

Transmission and Distribution of Power

861. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to allow private sector to take part in the transmission and distribution of power;

(b) if so, the details of the private companies who have responded to the proposal; and

(c) the terms and conditions laid down by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). The existing policy allows private sector participation in electricity generation, supply and distribution. The response of the private sector for setting up of generation projects has been encouraging. However, ways and means to promote greater private participation in the field of transmission and distribution are under examination.

Non-Utilisation of Funds

862. SHRI HARIN PATHAK :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some State Governments have not utilised grants given to them during 1995-96 by the Union Government for the rural development schemes;

(b) if so, the State and scheme-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the grants have been utilised for other purposes; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, a number of State Governments have not been able to fully utilise the grants given to them during 1995-96 for rural development schemes. The States who could utilise less than 90% of the available funds under major rural development schemes are as follows :

Scheme	States/UTs
(i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)	All States/UTs except Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, A and N Islands and D and N Haveli.
(ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY)	All States/UTs except Kerala, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and A and N Islands.
(iii) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)	All States/UTs where the Scheme is implemented except Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura.
(iv) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)	All States except Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura and West Bengal.

(c) and (d). No instance of utilisation of funds released during 1995-96 for any purpose other than for the relevent programmes has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

Diversification Programme

863. DR. M. JAGANNATH :
SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Modern Food Industries have embarked on a diversification programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the agreements, if any made, for cashewnut marketing, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b). The main activity of Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd., (MFIL) is production of bread.